

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of JUSTICE ALLEN, REMIAH J.  
ALLEN, ALEXUS A. ALLEN, and JULIAN  
ALLEN, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a  
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED  
October 13, 2005

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KAREN NIKOI BRUCE, a/k/a KAREN  
LOVELESS,

No. 261693  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 03-423683-NA

Respondent-Appellant.

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Before: Talbot, P.J., and White and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (b)(i), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The principal conditions that led to adjudication were respondent's substance abuse problems and the environmental neglect of the children. The evidence established that respondent failed to avail herself of any of the rehabilitative services offered and was still abusing drugs at the time she gave birth to her youngest child, over a year after the filing of the original petition for custody. That child tested positive for the presence of cocaine at his birth.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Although respondent argues the children enjoyed her visits, respondent had discontinued visitation with the children and contact with the agency for over

three months before the filing of the supplemental petition for permanent custody. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder